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On February 24, 2005, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) received a grant award in the amount of \$5.15 million from the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), and on March 29, 2005, the Department received a Proposition A Excess Funds grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for the acquisition of several specific parcels of land for open space preservation in the Marshall Canyon Conservation Corridor (MCCC). The MCCC is located on the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains and north of the Cities of La Verne and Claremont. DPR is working with the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) relative to the various land acquisitions and to date, has acquired title to one property adjacent to the Marshall Canyon Golf Course.

A management agreement for this and a nearby property, the Robinson-Mistretta property, already in escrow has been executed by and between DPR and SGMRC whereby this conservancy shall manage and maintain the properties.

Recently, the City of La Verne and DPR communicated relative to taking title to all of the properties listed in the grant agreement within their City, including the one in escrow, for a wilderness park. In addition, the Trust for Public Land proposed to DPR that both grants be assigned to their agency to administer the grants for the purpose of streamlining the acquisition process. DPR concurs with both proposals in the interest of expediting the overall acquisition process and enabling the City of La Verne to create a

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wilderness park. On July 18, 2005, the La Verne City Council provided preliminary authorization for the acquisition of these properties for a wilderness park through the use of the WCB grant and Proposition A funds. To accomplish this effort with the City and streamline the process, the grants awarded by the WCB and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (LACRPOSD) to DPR should be reassigned to TPL as the grantee for the project.

In addition, the escrow, Purchase and Sale Agreement, and management agreement with SGMRC for the one property currently in the acquisition process should be cancelled or assigned to allow the City of La Verne to include it with the other properties in the proposed wilderness park.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors, also acting as the Board of Directors of the LACRPOSD, hereby approve the assignment of the WCB and Proposition A Excess Funds grants to TPL; approve the cancellation or assignment of the escrow and purchase and sale agreement with TPL, and authorize the CAO to execute the necessary documents; approve amending the management agreement with SGRMC to remove the Robinson-Mistretta property, and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute such amendment, and to execute all necessary documents to effect the assignment of the WCB grant funds to TPL when applicable conditions have been met and to effect the assignment of the Proposition A grant funds to TPL, when applicable conditions have been met, pursuant to LACRPOSD procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects, and to authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation and the CAO to take any and all other actions as may be necessary to effect the above transfers and acquisitions.

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